

To The FCC:

I was too young to know Edward R. Murrow's work during world war II, but I am old enough to remember evenings watching him on our quaint Philco TV set; I remember his debunking McCarthyism -- the scare de jour of that day. In other words I vividly recall responsible journalism -- journalism that acted as a light and a voice for "we the People," a voice of real enlightenment in the public interest, not a private machine to control local outlets force-feeding its listeners a partisan agenda.

The demise or at least decay of this responsibility is all too apparent today. The drift toward control of all information by behemoth corporations that deliver a biased messages which overwhelm small communities is very disturbing to me. Unfortunately Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to run a political ad dressed up as "news" is the epitome of this new paradigm that misuses its public trust for partisan advantage. It is more than irresponsible journalism - it is propaganda.

I do not think a corporation such as Sinclair Broadcasting that abuses its license by airing biased and polarizing messages masquerading as news mere days before an important election deserves to have it renewed.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this very vital matter.

Sincerely,

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